

Amendments to the Specification:

Please make the following changes to the specification as shown below

Page 4, the paragraph on lines 25 to 32 – please amend as follows:

A great deal of research and development work has been carried out on microcellular and ~~[[supermicrocellar]]~~ supermicrocellular foam process technology. This technology has made it possible to produce expanded plastics having much smaller cells, and a much narrower cell size distribution, with the result that the plastics exhibit strength to weight ratio substantially greater than that of conventional foamed plastics. Microcellular

Page 27, the paragraph on lines 2 to 17, please amend as follows:

For purposes herein representative examples of non-thermoplastic polymers suitable for pharmaceutical applications, include, but are not limited to, relatively water soluble polymers such as the cellulose derivatives, such as carboxymethyl cellulose sodium, methyl cellulose, ethylcellulose, hydroxyethylcellulose (HEC), especially at lower molecular weights, such as NATRASOL 250JR or 250LR, available from Aqualon; hydroxypropylmethyl cellulose (HPMC), hydroxypropylmethyl cellulose phthalate, cellulose acetate phthalate, noncrystalline cellulose, starch and its derivatives, and sodium starch glycolate. The non-thermoplastic ~~thermosetting~~ polymers are typically present in ranges from 2-90%, preferably 5 to 50%. Percentages are in w/w of total dosage form unless otherwise indicated.

Page 27, the paragraph on lines 22-34, please amend as follows:

For purposes herein representative examples of non-thermosetting modifiers suitable for pharmaceutical applications, which in addition to aiding in the production of a non-thermosetting polymerized plastics material also make a more robust dosage form such as by preventing friability and holding the product together, and include carrageenan, especially, lambda type, VISCARIN GP-109NF, available from FMC; polyvinyl alcohol, starches; polyalditol, hydrogenated starch hydrosylate, sodium starch glycolate, maltodextrin, dextrose equivalents, dextrin, and gelatin. The non-thermosetting ~~thermosetting~~ modifiers are typically present in ranges from 2-90%, preferably 5 to 50%.